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# Our India Mission.

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Our Mission in India was founded in 1842 by Rev. C. F. Heyer, familiarly known as Father Heyer. The spirit in which it was founded is shown by his reply when asked where he thought the General Synod should locate its Mission: "Whither-soever the Lord may direct, we ought to follow and commence the work." He was sent out by the Pennsylvania Synod, the General Synod having at first resolved to carry on its Mission work under the American Board, but in 1843 the Mission came under the care of the General Synod.

Father Heyer embarked at Boston, October 14th, 1841, and arrived at Guntur, July 31, 1842. Among the providences which led to the founding of

our Mission here, perhaps none is more conspicuous than the fact that H. Stokes, Esq., was then collector in Guntur. It is a sad fact that Christian Missions in India have been often hindered by civil servants sent out by a Christian government, but Mr. Stokes was a noble exception. He had long been wishing for such a helper in his district, and, when he heard of the missionary's arrival, at once sent for him. Father Heyer had tied his palankeen between two trees, intending to make that his dwelling, but Mr. Stokes gave him a house where he could begin work at once, and for six months he lived there and ate at Mr. Stokes' table.

In 1843, the first converts, three in number, were gathered in, and the next year marked the arrival of helpers, Rev. Walter Gunn and his wife.

In 1849, Father Heyer established a new mission station in the Palnad at points 60 to 70 miles west of Guntur, a work of grace having begun there through the instrumentality of one man who had been won to Christ during a visit of missionaries to his town. The Palnad has always been one of the most successful stations, but because of the scarcity of workers and its being the most unhealthy section of our Mission, it has been much of the time without

a resident missionary. Dr. Harpster labored there during his first term of service and Dr. and Mrs. Albrecht are now settled there, building a dwelling and a school house at Rentachintala, as a center.



In 1850, Rev. J. G. Martz came to join the two missionaries, but was compelled to return the following year. Before his return the Mission was called to mourn its first loss in the death of Mr. Gunn. He had been in failing health for some time, but remained at his post to the end. In the same year our work was enlarged by receiving from the North German Missionary Society, the Rajahmundry Station, 115 miles north-east of Guntur, with the Mission property and two missionaries, Rev. C. W. Groening and Rev. A. F. Heise.

In 1852, the missionaries were further reinforced by the arrival of Rev. W. I. Cutter and Rev. W. E. Snyder with their wives. They could not remain long on account of ill-health. Mrs. Snyder died in 1854, and in 1856, the rest of the party returned to America;

but in 1858, Mr. Snyder with his second wife came back to India, accompanied by Rev. E. Unangst and Rev. A. Long with their wives. Mr. Snyder died of cholera in 1859. In 1861, a new station was opened by Mr. Long at Samulcotta.

In 1862, Mr. Heise returned to Europe and in 1865, Mr. Groening, after long and faithful service, also returned. The same year Mr. Long and two of his children died of small-pox. This left Rev. E. Unangst alone in charge of the four stations, Guntur, Palnad, Rajahmundry and Samulcotta. But the field was too large for one man, so in 1869, Father Heyer, at 78 years of age, again went to India to take charge of Rajahmundry and Samulcotta, which became stations of the General Council, while Guntur and the Palnad remained to the General Synod.

In 1871, Rev. Unangst was obliged to return to America, and for about a year the church in India was left without a missionary in charge, the only time in its history. The care of the field during this time was entrusted to Mr. R. E. Cully who had been in the service of the Mission since 1862.

In 1872, Rev. Unangst returned, accompanied by Rev. J. H. Harpster, and in 1873, Rev. and Mrs. L. L. Uhl arrived in Guntur. The Anglo-Vernacular

School, which was first started about the year 1852 but closed in 1865 because of the lack of funds due to the civil war, was at this time re-opened and Rev. Uhl had charge of it during his first twelve years stay in India. This School was the foundation of the Arthur G. Watts Memorial College. In 1886, it was raised to the position of a Second Grade College under the principalship of Rev. L. B. Wolf who is still in charge. It takes pupils as far as the First in Arts Examination, which about corresponds to the end of Sophomore year in our American Colleges. It is open to all classes and creeds and, so far, it and its branches have given us about the only way of approach to the high-caste Hindu. The new college building was formally opened on March 17th, 1893, by His Excellency, Lord Wenlock, Governor of Madras.

In 1874, Rev. A. D. Rowe was sent out, having spent the previous years in travelling among the churches to raise the money necessary to send him. His appeals were made especially to the Sunday schools and he went as the Children's Foreign Missionary. The Mission thus reinforced had a hopeful outlook and we find the decade from 1870-80, a most prosperous one, over 5,000 being baptized during that time. The Christmas season of 1876 was

Specialy significant in our Mission. At this time the church in Guntur, known as the Stork Chapel, was dedicated and two native pastors were ordained. In 1877-78, occurred that dreadful famine throughout India in which millions perished. Mr. Rowe took a specially active part in the relief measures, which even secured for him honorable mention by those in charge of the Mansion House Relief Fund in London. His position in this respect was a great help to his work in influencing for good the hearts and lives of the people and an unusual number of conversions is recorded as the result of these years. Having taken a short furlough in America, spent chiefly in visiting the home churches in the interest of the work, Mr. Rowe with his wife and four little children returned to India in the fall of 1881. As soon as he reached Guntur, he began work with his accustomed energy. The district work was then very laborious on account of the many recent additions to the church, and he was also occupied with the building of two houses for the missionaries and with other special objects. Overwork rendered him an easy prey to typhoid fever from which he died September 16, 1882, the announcement bringing grief to the hearts of many throughout the church who knew





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and loved him. There are many who owe their first interest in foreign missions to Rev. A. D. Rowe.

In 1881, Rev. Charles Schnure was sent to India, the second missionary supported by the Children's Missionary Society. He was accompanied by his wife and by Miss Kate Boggs. Miss Boggs was sent by the Executive Committee of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society which had resolved to assume the support of the Zenana work and the girls' schools in Guntur. Work had already been done in this line by the wives of some of our missionaries, but it was necessarily limited. To the disappointment of the women of the church, Miss Boggs was a great sufferer during the whole of her stay in India and was obliged to return in 1883.



The W. H. and F. M. Society sent out two more workers in 1883, Dr. Anna S. Kugler and Miss Fannie Dryden, in the largest missionary party ever sent out by our Board, the others being

Dr. Unangst, who had come to America for a short rest, his wife and daughter, Ella, and Rev. L. B. Wolf and wife.



MRS. L. B. WOLF.

In 1884, Rev. W. P. Swartz received his appointment for India, and, as the United Synod of the South had agreed to support him, he travelled a year through the South, reaching India in 1885. From this time dates the Mission Printing Press which has since been one of the successful evangelistic agencies.

In 1887, Rev. John Nichols and wife arrived, but before he had completed his first year in India, God called him away.

The bungalow at Narasarowpett which was to have been his field of labor, was built as a memorial to him, chiefly by the young men of the Church. It is now occupied by Rev. N. E. Yeiser who with his wife went to India in 1892. The W. H. & F. M. Society also have a home at Narasarowpett, which was occupied by Miss Kistler during the last years of her work in our Mission.

In 1890, Rev. L. L. Uhl, Ph. D., who had spent five years in America, during which time he had been instrumental in raising large sums of money for building the College and the Hospital for Women and Children, and had also taken a three years post-graduate course at the Johns Hopkins University, again reached the India field at the beginning of the year, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. John Aberly and Miss Amy L. Sadtler. Mr. Aberly was ordained by the India Conference, Dec. 1891.



MISS ANNA SANFORD.

1892 was the 50th year since the founding of the Mission, but owing to threatened famine and consequent hard times, the celebration of the Jubilee was postponed to the following year. The celebration began with two large meetings in Guntur, audience about 1200, followed by an extended tour of the whole field by as many of the missionaries as possible, closing with a meeting in Guntur held in the new College Hall, July 31st. These meetings were of great benefit to the congregations visited. Much enthusiasm was manifested

and a surprising amount of money contributed by natives to the building of a Dormitory for the Boarding boys, a memorial to Father Heyer. Dr. Uhl, writing of the Jubilee and its results says: "It has not had its like in India."



MISS KATHARINE FAHS

In the same year, 1893, Dr. J. H. Harpster returned to take up his loved work. Since 1876, when he was obliged to leave India on account of impaired health, he had been a successful pastor at home.

In 1894 and 1895, the woman's work suffered a number of losses. Miss Dryden and Miss Kistler left the field and Miss Sadtler was removed to another part of it through her marriage to Rev. G. W. Albrecht. The married ladies of the Mission kept the work from falling and the Mission has since been reinforced by the arrival of Miss Katharine Fahs and Miss Jessie Brewer in 1894, Dr. Mary Baer and Miss Anna Sanford in 1895, and Miss Mary Knauss in 1896.



DR. MARY BAER.

The Missionaries now in the field are :

REV. L. L. UHL, PH. D,	REV. SAM. C. KINSINGER,
REV. L. B. WOLF and wife,	DR. ANNA S. KUGLER,
REV. JOHN ABERLY, and wife,	MISS KATHARINE FAHS.
REV. J. H. HARPSTER,	MISS JESSIE BREWER.
D. D., and wife,	DR. MARY BAER,
REV. NOAH YEISER, and wife.	MISS ANNA SANFORD.
“ GEO. ALBRECHT “	MISS MARY KNAUSS.

These are only a small portion of the workers actually employed. They are, in fact, only the leaders who direct the native forces under them. Revs. Uhl, Harpster, Albrecht, Yeiser and Kinsinger are district missionaries. Rev. Wolf is principal of the College and Rev. Aberly has charge of the Guntur Church, the Boys' Boarding School and the Theological School in the College. The ladies who have gone out recently are engaged in the study

of the language or beginning to assist with the work in the schools or zenanas. Miss Fahs is a trained nurse and with Dr. Baer will be a valuable aid in the finely equipped Hospital for Woman and Children, which under Dr. Kugler's supervision, is nearly ready for opening. The new Dispensary which



MISS JESSIE BREWER.

was the first of the group of Hospital buildings to be erected, was opened in 1893 and the work has since then been carried on more advantageously than in the narrow quarters previously occupied. The Jubilee House for medical missionaries was opened in 1895. The Training and Girls' Boarding School, for the education of the daughters of Christians in the district and the training of teachers is an efficient power for good. It is under the care of Miss Brewer and of Miss Minnie Moses, an English girl, educated in Madras, an earnest devoted Christian, who has been working in our Mission since 1891.

It is impossible in a tract of this size to tell anything of the results or methods of work. The wisdom of those who laid the foundation of the Mis-

sion has been seen by their successors. Schools have been encouraged from the beginning and our efforts have always looked toward the establishment of a native ministry. Work was begun among the low-caste population. The standard of instruction required before baptism, while exceedingly low from an American standpoint, has been high when compared with some missions, and it was made obligatory for persons to renounce caste before admitting them into the church.

The field is large, consisting of seven taluks or counties in the district south of the Krishna River, and there is great need for more workers as well as more efficient means for carrying on the work, so that ignorant converts may be trained into true piety, the heathen reached with the Gospel message and the personal work of the missionary given where there is the greatest need. "Pray ye, therefore, the Lord of the harvest that he would send forth laborers into his harvest." and come ye up "to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty" forces of heathenism.



MISS MARY KNAUSS.



## TABLE SHOWING THE TIME OF SERVICE OF MISSIONARIES.

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- Rev. C. F. HEYER, arrived in 1842, returned (finally) in 1870.  
Rev. WALTER GUNN, arrived in 1844, died in 1851.  
Mrs. GUNN, arrived in 1844, returned in 1851.  
Rev. G. MARTZ, arrived in 1850, returned in 1851.  
Rev. C. W. GROENING, joined in 1851, returned (finally) in 1865.  
Mrs. GROENING, joined in 1851, returned (finally) in 1865.  
Rev. A. F. HEISE, joined in 1851, returned (finally) in 1862.  
Mrs. HEISE, joined in 1857, returned in 1862.  
Rev. W. E. SNYDER, arrived in 1852, died in 1859.  
Mrs. SNYDER, (first wife) arrived in 1852, died in 1854.  
Mrs. SNYDER, (second wife) arrived in 1858, returned in 1859.  
Rev. W. I. CUTTER, arrived in 1852, returned in 1855.  
Mrs. CUTTER, arrived in 1852, returned in 1855.  
Rev. A. LONG, arrived in 1858, died in 1866.

Mrs. LONG, arrived in 1858, returned in 1866.  
Rev. E. UNANGST, arrived in 1858, returned in 1895.  
Mrs. UNANGST, arrived in 1858, died in 1888.  
Rev. J. H. HARPSTER, arrived in 1872, returned in 1876.  
Rev. J. H. HARPSTER, (second term) arrived in 1893.——  
Mrs. HARPSTER, arrived in 1893.——  
Rev. L. L. UHL, Ph. D., arrived in 1873.——  
Mrs. UHL, arrived in 1873, returned in 1885.  
Rev. A. D. ROWE, arrived in 1874, died in 1882.  
Mrs. ROWE, arrived in 1874, returned in 1882.  
Rev. C. SCHNURE, arrived in 1881, returned in 1885.  
Mrs. SCHNURE, arrived in 1881, returned in 1885.  
Miss KATE BOGGS, arrived in 1881, returned in 1883.  
Rev. L. B. WOLF, arrived in 1883.——  
Mrs. WOLF, arrived in 1883.——  
Miss ANNA S. KUGLER, M. D., arrived in 1883.——  
Miss F. M. DRYDEN, arrived in 1883, returned in 1894.

Miss ELLA UNANGST, arrived in 1883, returned in 1887.  
Rev. W. P. SWARTZ, arrived in 1885, returned in 1887.  
Rev. JOHN NICHOLS, arrived in January, 1886, died November, 1886.  
Mrs. NICHOLS, arrived in 1886. returned in 1887.  
Miss SUSAN R. KISTLER, arrived in 1888, returned in 1895.  
Rev. JOHN ABERLY, arrived in 1890.———  
Mrs. ABERLY, arrived in 1890.———  
Miss AMY L. SADTLER, arrived in 1890, married in 1895 to  
Rev. GEO. ALBRECHT, Ph. D., arrived in 1892. ——  
Rev. NOAH E. ZEISER. arrived in 1892.———  
Mrs. ZEISER, arrived in 1892.———  
Rev. SAMUEL C. KINSINGER, arrived in 1894.———  
Miss KATHERINE FAHS, arrived in 1894 ——  
Miss JESSIE BREWER, arrived in 1894 ——  
Miss MARY BAER, M. D., arrived in 1895. ——  
Miss ANNA SANFORD, arrived in 1895. ——  
Miss MARY KNAUSS, arrived in 1896.———

